

AN EAST-SIDE EARTHQUAKE

FIRST AVENUE SHAKEN BY A GAS WORKS EXPLOSION.

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able Gas Light Company's plant blew up at 1 o'clock last night. The works of the company

The explosion took place at the intersection of the ninth to Forty-first streets and from First avenue to the river. On the south side of Forty-first street are the office; the corner of First avenue the metre house, the engine house, and the retort house. All of the buildings, with the exception of the office, are low, one-story brick buildings. Adjoining the retort house, which is the nearest to the river, was the engine house. It contained two large tanks. The engine tanks were used for heating the new gas across the street into five large tanks.

The only way the explosion can be accounted for is that there was a leak in one of the pipes and the gas became ignited. So far as is known the only man in the building at the time of the explosion was Frank Plaisted, the engineer. The 100x50 building was lifted into the air. The street was covered with gas.

The retort house was blown away. No trace of it could be found after the explosion. The walls of the retort house were badly shaken, and all the windows in the metre house and in the office were smashed.

The shock was a terrific one, and was felt for half a mile. The big tenement houses on First avenue and in the neighboring streets shook and people were thrown out of bed. James Kane, the driver of a car that was passing through First avenue, was thrown from the platform and his leg was badly broken. It was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

In the saloon of Patrick Farney of the Sixty-ninth Regiment, 7th corner across the avenue, an unknown man was knocked insensible. A boy in Patrick Smith's saloon at 6

was knocked down and struck his head on the iron foot rail. It is believed that he is fatally hurt. In the corner house, Farmer's local assistant, John J. O'Connell, was shot to a still-born child. Matthew Breen, aged 4, was seriously hurt. A fire alarm was rung. The wagon of one of the fire chiefs in dashing to the scene, had an instantly killed child. The avenue ran over a child.

Assistant Foreman Majorson of 21 English was thrown out of his bed at his residence in 83rd street, where he was sleeping, and was unable to render all the assistance in his power.

The houses on the southeast corner, owned by Thomas Collins, and the southwest corner

The only plausible explanation of the explosion offered last night was that the engine had leaked gas from the large connecting pipe from the exhausting engine to the receiver.

The firemen engaged in the search had to relieve every few moments, owing to the heat could be brought near the ruins.

The men were working in the removal of timbers and brick work was going on at one o'clock this morning, and will continue until about five o'clock tomorrow.

Forty-ninth street, with its memorandum books found in the boiler room, did not get away from the flames.

All the tanks were nearly full of gas, and the customers of the company did not suffer in consequence of the explosion.

A man named Smith, who recently resigned his position as foreman of the company, was killed by the explosion of the company, and Henry Keane is Secretary.

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In the saloon of Patrick Farney of the Sixty-ninth Regiment, on the corner across the avenue, an unknown man was knocked inside the door, and was hurled into the street. First avenue, who was getting a pall of blood, was knocked down and struck his head on the iron foot rail. It is believed that he is fatal. A woman about thirty years of age, who was with a still-born child, Matthew Brown, aged 40, was thrown from the platform and killed. The wagon of one of the fire chiefs in dashed through the crowd that had instantly filled the street.

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The Weather Yesterday.

As indicated by Hindman's thermometer: B. 1. M., 16°; A., 10°; P., 10°. W., 10°. S., 23°; N., 23°. R., 23°. F., 23°. H., 23°. V., 23°. T., 23°. U., 23°. D., 23°. AVERAGE, 23°.

Actual Observations.

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